

*M.C. - General*

INFORMAL WORKING CONFERENCE  
ON THE EXPLOITATION FOR INTELLIGENCE OF THE  
TURKIC- AND IRANIAN-LANGUAGE PRESS OF SOVIET  
CENTRAL ASIA AND AZERBAIJAN

1. The Chief, USSR Division/Production Group/FBIS will chair an informal working conference on the exploitation for intelligence of the Turkic- and Iranian-language press of the Soviet republics of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kirghizia, and Azerbaijan. *Publications*

2. The conference will focus on the USSR Division's existing and currently planned activities in support of the production of intelligence on the Muslim nationalities of the Soviet Union.

3. Currently, USSR Division's objectives with respect to the exploitation of the Central Asian vernacular press are derived from the HTO guidelines which were approved by the NSC. Briefly, under these guidelines we see our objectives as follows:

FBIS is assigned primary responsibility for reporting on key aspects of the nationality problem, as well as secondary responsibility for reporting biographic data on minority-group personalities and on external nationality influences.

HTO stressed that, given the state of the art and the basic requirements, analysts also will require:

- Biographical files of leading figures in Soviet Muslim society outside the official political structure, but who are nevertheless in a position to influence the political process.
- Bibliographical files arranged by topics.
- Raw and processed data files.
- New methodologies and techniques.
- Dictionaries and translation aids.

4. One of the purposes of the meeting will be to address CIA analytical needs and whether our objectives are consistent with those needs and, if not, what objectives need to be changed.

5. The conference will be held on Tuesday, 15 July 1980, in the 4th floor conference room, Key Building, Rosslyn. The meeting will open at 0900 hours, and will conclude around 1200 hours.

6. A number of language and area specialists will attend the conference, three of whom are UNCLEARED contractors to FBIS/JPRS. Identification of CIA attendees and office affiliation will not be required. These specialists are:

- [ ] Iranian and Tajik SSR specialist. STAT  
FBIS staff employee. Fully cleared.
- [ ] Turcologist/Mongolist. Specialist on the Uzbek SSR. STAT  
Assistant Professor, Indiana University, Bloomington. In process  
for FBIS staff position. NOT CLEARED
- [ ] Turcologist/Arabist. Specialist on the Azerbaijan STAT  
SSR. Former manager, Soviet Nationalities Service, Radio Liberty,  
Munich. NOT CLEARED
- [ ] Turcologist. Uighur and Kazakh specialist. Former STAT  
manager, Turkic Broadcasting Department, Radio Liberty, Munich.  
In process for FBIS staff position. Cleared by DoD to TS. NOT  
CLEARED BY CIA.
- [ ] Mongolist. Uzbek specialist. FBIS staff employee. STAT  
Fully cleared.

7. [ ] Persons planning to attend the conference should call [ ] STAT  
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